

**In the Specification****Kindly amend paragraph [0001] as follows:**

Technical Field

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[0001] ~~The present invention~~ This disclosure relates to a surface-treated steel sheet optimum for use in automobiles, household electric appliances, or building materials. Particularly, ~~the present invention~~ this disclosure relates to an environment-conscious surface-treated steel sheet not containing hexavalent chromium (Cr(VI)) which is likely to adversely affect workers, users, or environments of use during wastewater treatment in manufacturing or handling of products.

**Kindly amend paragraph [0004] as follows:**

[0004] ~~Accordingly, an object of the present invention is to solve the above-described problems of the conventional techniques and~~ it could be advantageous to provide a surface-treated steel sheet exhibiting excellent corrosion resistance, excellent conductivity, and excellent coating appearance even when the film does not contain a pollution control substance such as hexavalent chromium (Cr(VI)).

**Kindly amend paragraph [0005] as follows:****Disclosure of Invention Summary**

[0005] ~~The present invention relates to~~ We provide a surface-treated steel sheet comprising:

a steel sheet;

a plating layer provided on at least one of the surfaces of the steel sheet, the plating layer containing at least one metal selected from the group consisting of zinc and aluminum;

a first layer film provided on the surface of the plating layer, the first layer film containing (α) 1 to 2000 mg/m<sup>2</sup> of silica in terms of SiO<sub>2</sub>, (β) a total of 1 to 1000 mg/m<sup>2</sup> of phosphoric acid groups in terms of P, (γ) a total of 0.5 to 800 mg/m<sup>2</sup> of at least one metal